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TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGES.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]

GRAFTON. Wednesday.
An Agent living (a) arrived to-day, and sailed on Monday morning.

FORBES. Wednesday.
Bishop Quinn arrived here on Thursday last, and a lady laid the foundation-stone of the new Church of St. Lawrence. Three hundred pounds were collected on the occasion. He left here on Monday for Bathurst, via Cooma.

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OUR LONDON LETTER.

LONDON, 15TH JULY.

A FEW hours only after the departure of the last mail the Lords divided on the second reading of the Irish Church Bill, and carried it by one hundred and seventy-nine to one hundred and forty-six non-contenters. There had been some fear that Mr. Bright's inopportune and outspoken letter, published during the debate, might have awakened feelings of indignation so strong for the counsel of prudence as to stem; but when the document was brought before the notice of Parliament, Lord Granville in the House, and the Premier in the other, so entirely disclaimed any share in the sentiments it conveyed, and with so much good humour referred to the known "John Bullism" of their young colleague, that it was impossible to pursue the matter further. Many also were willing to accept the principle of the bill, in the hope of modifying it in committee after their taste; and abundant use have they made of their opportunity. Shoals of amendments at once appeared on the notice boards of the House; and, though several were withdrawn, enough were carried to division to occupy five nights' discussion, and materially to alter the complexion of the measure. In a complete statement of the changes introduced in committee, I may be allowed to refer your readers to a long article in to-day's *Times* entitled "Before and After." What has been done falls into three departments—the Protestant Establishment, other religious denominations, and the surplus. Their Lordships have been, to use the softest terms, very tender in their dealings with the disestablished Church. Some, it is true, talk of the unexampled greed of its supporters, and their scrupulous anxiety for the lowest and fishiest; but far be it from us to impute to the reverend prelates and noble peers aught beyond a generous desire to temper the wind to the shorn lamb. They have made over to it all glebe houses free of charge, presented it with the Ulster glebe worth about a million sterling, screwed from the Government half a million in compensation for endowments prior to 1660, determined that the annuities to incumbents shall be exempted from deductions on account of salaries paid to curates and other charges, and, in short, made over to the Church so much more than Mr. Gladstone volunteered to propose, that it is computed that, with careful administration of the funds, she will actually be richer than ever. Then, as regards the rival denominations, the Maynooth and Regium Donum clauses were passed, and no successful attempt made to level up by endowing other bodies. But, at the eleventh hour, Lord Stanhope carried, by a small majority, a scheme of concurrent endowment, proposing to provide residences for the Roman Catholic priests and Presbyterian ministers. After this free outlay the amount of the surplus would be amazingly small; yet, however small, it must not be applied in such absurd fashion as the Commons advised. That ardent lawyer, Lord Cairns, persuaded his reluctant colleagues to enact that the property vested in the Commissioners, after fulfilling the directions of the measure, be applied in such manner as Parliament shall hereafter appoint, thus giving a further chance of saving more of the spoils for the benefit community. To-night Mr. Gladstone is moving that the Lower House do consider the amendments thus suggested; whether it look at them with the eyes of Lord Derby, who pronounces them wise and reasonable, or flying to the other extreme—reject them *en bloc*—remains to be seen. Meetings are being held in the large towns to remove the ground of those who say that the temper of the country has veered round in the general election; and, apart from this pressure, there is no sign of giving in on the part of the Liberals. Little of interest has been going on in Parliament besides this all-absorbing bill.

Earl Russell's Life Peerages measure came under discussion, and the childish tinkering of which Mr. Bright scornfully spoke is over for the present. Two Educational Bills—the Endowed Schools, and Universities Tests—have been pushed on, and are now ready to be taken up to the Lords. It is surprising how few substantial measures get through in a single session; the means of opposition are so many, and the interruptions so frequent, that honorable members are continually rising to say with regret that as there appears no chance of carrying such and such a bill before August, they are compelled, for the present year, to withdraw it.

As the famous case of Overend and Gurney gave rise lately to a discussion in the Commons, this may be a suitable place in which to refer to it. It should have come on in this month of July, but happily a protracted trial of Sir E. Watkin, which ultimately failed, occupied nearly all the days at the disposal of the Court, and it stands postponed until December. I say "happily" for had the trial come on now it would probably have fallen through. The situation was peculiar. Dr. Adam Thom, one of the shareholders, had been bound over by the Lord Mayor, in heavy securities, to prosecute. Finding himself already nearly ruined, he resolved to conduct the prosecution in person, and so save the enormous expenses of employing counsel. The Lord Chief Justice, however, informed him that it was contrary to the custom of the Courts to allow such a course as he proposed. It seemed, therefore, probable that the ends of justice would be thwarted; if the Judge adhered to his objection there would be no trial, while if he allowed Dr. Thom to plead his cause the issue would be as disastrous; for what could a layman do against the professional skill engaged in behalf of the defendants. In this dilemma the Government was asked to prosecute. This it refused to do, mainly because of the brevity of the time to elapse before the case was likely to be called on; but Mr. Gladstone went further, and took occasion to denounce the idea that in this degenerate age of rabid speculation any bubble company should mislead and then seek redress for the mischief its neglect had wrought from the funds of the country.

The Viceroy of Egypt has paid us a short visit. From Buckingham Palace, in which he was entertained, he made several visits to the Queen at Windsor, and to the houses of the nobility. On one of the former occasions he was present at a review of regulars held by her Majesty in Windsor Park. He has gone home to Paris, there probably to be treated with great magnificence than English hospitality is wont to indulge.

The review above mentioned is not the only one recently held by the same august lady; while at numerous drawing-rooms and State receptions the fashion and beauty of the land have had opportunities, long desired, of royal notice. That the Queen cannot do much more than she at present attempts we have medical testimony; long public ceremonials we are assured have upon her effects usually due to the rocking motion experienced at sea. But her energies are well supplemented by the

commendable interest which the Prince and Princess of Wales continue to show in useful public works. Within the last three weeks they have opened two new docks, and laid foundation stones in connexion with idiot and orphan asylums, besides being present at weddings in Westminster Abbey, and entertaining distinguished foreigners.

As a result of the late French elections, the Emperor has delivered a message to the Corps Legislatif, which, making allowance for the vague language, promises considerable advances of liberty to that body. The mode of presenting and examining amendments is to be simplified, the Budget to be voted *en masse* but by chapter, and the right of interpellation to be extended; at the same time, the incompatibility is set aside which exists between the function of deputy and the office of a Minister. Thus it is said that, save in word, Constitutional Monarchy is conceded to the country. Mr. Rouher and the other members of the cabinet have resigned; their successors are expected to be presided over by Prince Napoleon.

We are expecting to-morrow to hear of the completion of the French Atlantic Cable. The Great Eastern, which, making allowance for the shore and off Brest, steamed westwards and has met with singular good fortune. Once a defect was discovered and the cable cut until it could be made good; but with this exception she has been paying steadily out, and now has reached about water on the American side. Overtaken by a dense fog she was obliged to cut and buoy the cable—though only some ten miles away from the shore end, laid from St. Pierre. To-day she telegraphs again to Brest, and no doubt ere this the Emperor of the French and President Grant are exchanging congratulatory salutations.

The arrangements at home for the purchase and working of the telegraphs by the Post Office Department are being matured. The total cost will be nearly £7,000,000, but there is every reason to expect that the gain to the Exchequer will more than compensate this outlay. The chief advantage of the change is that wires will be carried to places to which no private company could afford to lay them. The number of offices to be raised at once to more than double what they are at present, and probably a uniform shilling rate established throughout the country. It is to be hoped, however, that in the metropolis we may be treated to a lower charge. We have been in the habit of telegraphing to our wives to warn them that a couple of friends will dine with us at 6 o'clock, or to ask whether our cousins in remote suburbs are likely to be at home if we call upon them in the afternoon; but if a shilling is to be paid for each message, we shall quickly relapse to our old shiver at the sight of the telegraph boy, associating his visits with news which falls upon us like a thunder-clap of death and disaster. Death and disaster! Let me give the outline of a tragedy which these words recall. One morning the police received a letter from a man named Duggan, saying that their services would be soon required at a house in Smithfield. The tone of the letter was not that used by a practical joker, and the summons was obeyed. Breaking into the house, the bodies were found of the father and mother and six children. The ghastly deed had been done with prussic acid, administered first to the children and some three hours afterwards taken by the parents. All had been carried with deliberation. The young ones seemed to have been washed and set in order in bed before the fatal dose was given. All the elements of a drama were present. On the table was a Bible, with a marriage certificate and family register, while a letter addressed to Duggan's brother gave the motives which prompted the crime. The man was himself in decline; he could not endure the thought of leaving his wife and children to starvation or the workhouse; he agreed with the former that death was preferable. To match this, here is a comedy. A certain Lord Carrington suspects a certain Mr. Grenville Murray of writing against himself or his father, in a newspaper called the *Queen's Messenger*. Not waiting for legal proof he assaults and invites to a duel. Hereupon a correspondence through the respective solicitors follows, and as the one denies the authorship of the obnoxious articles and the other refuses to apologise, Mr. Murray summons his lordship before the magistrate at Marlborough-street, and the latter is committed for trial. No sooner was this decision pronounced than an attack was made in open Court on a solicitor, who carried a box containing the M.S. articles in question. These, it was alleged, had been stolen from the *Queen's Messenger* office for the purpose of the defence; and a scene unprecedented in police annals followed, his Worship sitting in impotent amazement, while young dukes and lords lung themselves into a melee, which the police could quell no more than himself.

Mr. Peabody has evidently inherited the widows' curse. He has just presented an additional million dollars to the Southern Educational Fund in the United States. It was suggested that on his visit to America the authorities should pounce upon him for income-tax; he agreed with the former that death was preferable. This is their custom, we hear what the book trade of Messrs. Harper brings in, what the pew rents in Mr. Beecher's church are worth, in what Cincinnati frugality the President dwells. The benefactor of both hemispheres would, if he head the incomes of all others, at any rate be ranked among the Pentecostodimidi. Far be it from England to follow the pernicious example of America in making these annual publications of her citizens' incomes! The false prospectuses of companies may teach us not to give more opportunities than can be helped to dishonesty.

Among the recent appointments to the new colonial order—the most distinguished order of St. Michael and St. George—appear the following: To be ordinary members of the third class, who carried the said order: Mr. Charles Cowper, late Chief Minister of the Government of New South Wales; Mr. John Bayley Darvall, late Attorney-General; and Mr. George Macleay.

The death is announced of Lord Taunton, formerly Mr. Labouchere. He had held various posts in the Governments of past days, being President of the Board of Trade in 1839, and Secretary of State for the Colonies in 1855, before his elevation to the peerage. He had been also Chief Secretary for Ireland, and thus was qualified to speak last week, only two or three days before his death, in the Irish debate.

The literature of the month claims a few words. The diary has been published of Henry Crabb Robinson, a man who was on terms of intimacy with almost every genius at the close of the last and opening of the present century, from Goethe to Coleridge—Madame de Staël to Robertson and Talford. One review predicts for the work a permanent popularity like that accorded to "Peppys' Diary." Mr. Ruskin has produced another of his fair-titled books, and on a more interesting subject,

than some which have preceded it. It is called "The Queen of the Air," being a study of the Greek Myths of Clouds and Storm. Mr. Gladstone has found leisure to revert to his old theme, and in a new work, "Juvencus Mundi," to treat of the gods and men of the Greek Heroic Age.

Attention is called by a letter in yesterday's *Times* to a new process for drying hay and corn crops by withdrawing artificially their superfluous moisture. By means of a hot blast grass freshly cut is in ten minutes converted into the best green hay, with only 15 per cent. of water left in it. Corn is dried in like manner, and it is said at a saving of expense upon the old plan. That the proposal is no quackery is shown by the fact that the invention has won the Society of Arts' gold medal and prize of 30 guineas.

At the Wimbledon Rifle Meeting the Queen's Prize has been carried off by Angus Cameron with a score of 7

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